

AHDB/BPOA Poinsettia Discussion Group Meetings

'Poinsettia shelf life performance, R&D round up and cultural issues from 2019'

15 January 2020

Neame Lea Nursery, Horseshoe Road, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 3JB



This event will allow delegates to see first-hand the shelf life and home performance of the 12 varieties selected by industry during the November meeting. More results will also be shared from the trials on plant growth control, both chemical and physical. The January event will also allow industry to exchange experiences of pest and disease control on crops through the 2019 season with guest speakers from PHSI (Plant Health and Seeds Inspectorate) and Dummen Orange.

Programme

Time	Presentation	Speaker
9.30	<i>Registration, coffee/tea refreshments</i>	
10.00	Event welcome, Neame Lea Nurseries	Vasile Agache, Neame Lea Nurseries
10.10	Grower thoughts on the 2019 poinsettia season	Rory Paton, Pinetops Nurseries and all
10.30	<i>Bemisia tabaci</i> and poinsettia crops	Derek MacCann, Principal Inspector, PHSI
11.00	<i>Coffee/tea refreshments</i>	
11.15	Results from the poinsettia residue testing work	Neil Bragg, Substrate Associates
11.30	The concept and application of GreenGuard	Thomas Bousart, Dummen Orange
12.15	<i>R&D update from 2019:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water deficit trial and irrigation variability • PGR trial • Poinsettia variety assessment 	Mark Else, NIAB EMR Paul Alexander, Bulrush Jill England, ADAS Harry Kitchener, Consultant
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00	Visit to the shelf life room - water deficit and variety trials (split into two groups)	Mark Else, NIAB, EMR Harry Kitchener, Consultant Hilary Papworth, NIAB
15.00	Take home messages and summary	Graeme Edwards, BPOA Poinsettia Group Chairperson
15.30	<i>Coffee/tea refreshments and depart</i>	